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# Council likely to switch power suppliers

NICK JOHNSON  
Daily Egyptian

The City Council is expected to vote Tuesday to allow City Manager Allen Gill to switch the city's power supply company from AmerenCIPS to MidAmerican Energy Company, a move that could save the city up to 18 percent in energy costs, according to the written proposal from

Gill's office.

The Illinois Commerce Commission will decide in May whether to grant Ameren's request for a rate increase of \$226 million statewide. The company will also be adjusting power costs by the hour on major facilities such as Carbondale's southeast water treatment plant, the biggest power consumer in the city, Gill said.

Gill said the city has considered a

switch to MidAmerican Energy about three years ago, but market and rate conditions weren't as favorable as they are now. The 18 percent savings could change as well, he said.

"What we want to do is negotiate a lower rate and then lock it in for some time, at least a couple years," he said.

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# Stotlar House future uncertain

NICK QUIGLEY  
Daily Egyptian

The future of the Prairie-style Stotlar House at 507 W. Main St. is now in the hands of its owners after the city's 60-day moratorium on its demolition ended Monday.

The city accidentally issued a demolition permit for the property in October when it mistakenly deemed the home outside the historic preservation district. After the house was partially torn down in December, the city's Preservation Commission realized the mistake and voted 6-1 Jan. 11 to deny the permit.

The property's owner, Henry Fisher of Home Rentals, originally requested the demolition after the property sustained damage from the May 8 storm, said Evelyn Kofitz, chairwoman of the Preservation Commission.

The commission is trying to use the home's historic district membership as a means to save it from being torn down, Koine said.

For a building to make it on the historic register, it must contain historic style or architecture and be associated with a person of historical significance, she said.

Stotlar and Koine both said the home, with its Prairie-style architecture and stucco finish, is one of the earliest surviving examples in the city, fulfilling the first of these requirements. The home once belonged to Christopher Stotlar, a Civil War veteran, business owner and superintendent of schools, which fulfills the second, they said.

"(The house) adds to the historical character of the town," Koine said.

Fisher, 60, is serving a prison sentence and Home Rentals representatives could not be reached for comment.

Koine said the commission met with a Home Rentals representative to discuss tax incentives and ways the house's historic status could impact how the land can be used.

"They could tear it down now if they wanted," Koine said. "But they told us they weren't moving the backhoe in to-day."

D. Gorton, a homeowner and landlord in Carbondale's Arbor District, said dealings with Home Rentals have historically been difficult.

"We have fought Fisher, successfully, in the Arbor District," he said. "But it's been tough. The Stotlar House is merely the latest round."

"I'm a bystander in this process," said Raymond Stotlar, whose great-grandfather, Christopher, built the home in 1916. "I'm hopeful that the present owners possibly would take some of these initiatives offered by the city and try to preserve it."

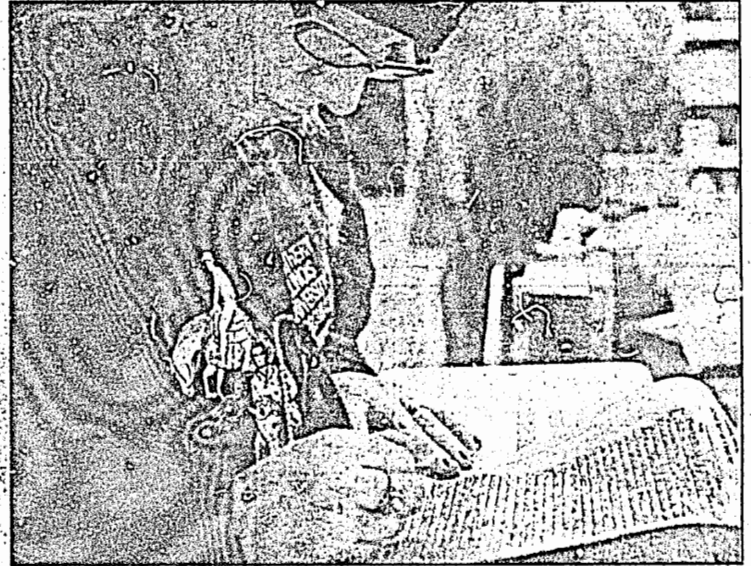
Koine said an official structural engineer's report has not been issued, but those who have seen the property firsthand know it is structurally sound. She added that such a report would have to be had by its owner.

"I'd just hate to see the old home go," Stotlar said.

The city's Comprehensive Plan, "the vision of the officials and citizens of Carbondale for the future," states that many older homes in the city are in need of repair. It also states Carbondale should encourage the restoration of such homes.

"It would be nice if Home Rentals went back in and renovated the property, so that it would be of contribution and attribute not only to Main Street but the surrounding community," Raymond Stotlar said.

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Alyssa Cole, a senior from Carol Stream studying equine science, signs the liquor license petition Sunday at Neighborhood Co-op Grocery. A representative from the Co-op will present the more than 7,500 signatures that Schnucks and Kroger collectively gathered to the Liquor Advisory Board Thursday.

# More than 7,500 push for liquor in grocery stores

NICK JOHNSON  
Daily Egyptian

Representatives of Neighborhood Co-op Grocery, Carbondale Schnucks and Kroger said they have together collected more than 7,500 signatures on a petition for grocery stores to sell beer and wine.

The petition was announced by grocery store representatives at a press conference Feb. 11, and is the latest effort in a campaign by the Co-op, Schnucks, Kroger and Arnold's Market to persuade the City Council to give grocery stores the

right to sell liquor.

Each store had a copy of the petition and representatives at the press conference said their goal was to get 2,000 signatures by Monday.

Schnucks General Manager Tom Eakins said 35 percent of his customers signed the petition in the first week, and his store has accounted for about 5,000 signatures since then.

Francis Murphy, general manager of the Co-op, said his smaller store has collected another 1,000 signatures and the majority of his customers are signing it.

"It's receiving very strong support from our customers," Murphy said.

An assistant manager at the Carbondale Kroger confirmed Monday that the store has collected about 1,500 signatures.

Representatives for Arnold's Market were not immediately available for comment.

Murphy said he plans to present the results of the petition to the city's Liquor Advisory Board at its Thursday meeting.

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NICK QUIGLEY | DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Stotlar House at 507 W. Main St. sits partially demolished after it was accidentally issued a demolition permit in October. The moratorium that had been protecting the house since January expired March 1, leaving its future uncertain.

# SIUC's first 'green roof' in the works

ERIN HOLCOMB  
Daily Egyptian

Landscaping isn't new to the campus, especially to the agriculture department — but tending to greenery on a rooftop will be.

The recent renovations the university made to the Agriculture Building's roof this past summer may seem like simple repairs, but the roof has been built to double as its own ecosystem, said Karen Midden, professor of agriculture.

All the roof is waiting for is plant life. The building will be topped

with the university's first "green roof" building, meaning it will support plant life and some fauna such as birds and insects, said Midden, who is involved with the project. She said hopefully the plants would be added sometime this spring.

"As a whole, our campus can be a model, even nationally, in taking steps in sustainability practices," Midden said. "This would be one integral part in the university's big picture to go green."

SIU-Edwardsville already has green roofs on three of its buildings, said Bill Retzlaff, chairman of the department of biological sciences at SIUE. The green

roof on its engineering building houses six projects used for research, he said.

The cost to install the green roof has yet to be determined, but Midden said she has applied for a small grant to fund part of the project.

No one from the agriculture department has applied to receive funding for the roof from the Green Fee, said John Dye, vice chairman of the Green Fund Committee. He said regardless, the project is a positive move in the green direction.

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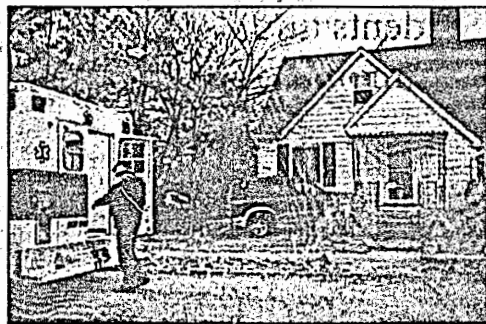
An SUV veered out of control and crashed into a house at 404 Elm St. Monday at approximately 5:40 p.m., Carbondale police said. The cause of the accident is still under investigation, police said.

Robert Bryant, a junior from Lake Zurich studying elementary education, witnessed the accident.

"The SUV came down the street going the wrong way at about 30 mph, then it crashed through some trees before it ran into the front of the house," he said.

Sam Smart, a junior from Lake Zurich studying political science, said he heard the accident from his home.

"I heard a loud crash and a few minutes later when I heard sirens,



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**A woman is loaded into an ambulance Monday after witnesses said she veered her car into the house Monday at 404 W. Elm St.**

I looked outside and saw the accident," Smart said.

The driver was not seriously

Injured but was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for treatment, police said.

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A Murphysboro man who was found pinned between a truck and a garage died of related injuries Friday.

Donald Hubbs, 71, was found by Jackson County Sheriff's Department deputies around 6:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Murphysboro Township Garage on Springdale Road in Murphysboro.

"We're all in a quandary, shocked

and saddened," said Bob Fenwick, Murphysboro Township supervisor. "We lost an employee and a good friend."

Authorities said they were unable to determine how long Hubbs had been pinned. The vehicle was found to still be in drive, according to a press release from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

Hubbs suffered serious injuries and was transported to a local hospital by the Jackson County Ambulance Service. He was later airlifted to a St. Louis hospital for further treatment, where he died from the injuries.

Hubbs had been with the township for more than eight years as a supervisor in charge of activity coordination and scheduling.

## POLICE BLOTTERS

Ryanne Nicole Green, 22, of Hillside, was issued a Carbondale city notice to appear for theft and was released on a personal recognizance bond, according to a campus police report.

Trey R. Deboer, 19, of St. Charles, was charged with criminal damage to property. He was issued a Carbondale city notice to appear and was released, according to a campus police report.

Pavlos Massouros, 23, of Zion, was charged with DUI, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage. He posted his driver's license plus \$100 cash bond, according to a campus police report.

Campus police reported the theft of a pair of Nike tennis shoes from the Recreation Center on Friday. There are no suspects.

Carbondale police responded 5 p.m. Saturday to the 1100 block of East Main Street in reference to a report of a retail theft, a department release stated. During the course of the investigation officers arrested April F. Snowden on suspicion of felony retail theft, trespassing and two Jackson County failure to appear warrants for retail theft and driving while license revoked, the release stated. Snowden is being held in the Jackson County Jail.

Dominique R. Byrd, 19, of Chicago, was charged with disorderly conduct. He was issued a Carbondale city notice to appear for disorderly conduct and released, according to a campus police report.

Patrick C. Gilman, 20, of Palos Heights, was charged with resisting/obstructing a police officer and underage consumption of alcohol. He was unable to post the required bond and was transported to the Jackson County Jail, according to a campus police report.

Carbondale police responded 3 a.m., Saturday to the 2500 block of South Illinois Avenue in reference to a report of a traffic crash, a department release stated. During the course of the investigation officers arrested Brett A. Alcorn on suspicion of driving under the influence, leaving the scene of a property damage crash, driving while license revoked, a Jefferson County failure to appear warrant for driving while license suspended, possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating an uninsured vehicle, the release said. Alcorn is being held in the Jackson County Jail.

Carbondale police responded 7:15 p.m. Saturday to the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South Washington Street in reference to a report of a traffic crash, a department release stated. During the course of the investigation officers arrested Fritz D. Coffey on suspicion of driving under the influence, leaving the scene of a property damage crash, illegal transportation of alcohol, unlawful use of weapons and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, the release stated. Coffey was released after posting bond, pending a court appearance.

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# Chinese students experience American culture

## Students find common ground with food

BLAINE SCHULTZ  
Daily Egyptian

The Chinese Student Scholar Association and Our Savior Lutheran Church teamed up to bring SIUC's American and Chinese students together to experience each other's culture Sunday.

Pastor Robert Gray helped make the event possible by inviting the students to his home.

"We decided we should invite the Chinese students to church and ask them what their needs were," Gray said. "They wanted to get into the American home."

The meeting created a chance for the Chinese students to do just that and see how to cook common American dishes such as hamburgers, mashed potatoes, fruit salad and brownies.

For many of the students, this was their first glimpse into the American household.

Jia Yu, a graduate student in accounting from China, said she felt the meeting was a chance to experience life in an American home.

"It is a good way to know the culture and the daily life," Yu said.

Yu Jin, president of the Chinese Student Scholar Association and a graduate student in mathematics from Beijing, said he was glad the Chinese students gained more information about American culture by going to Gray's house.

"Having dinner is a good way to learn the culture — it's an opportunity to experience real America," Jin said.

Ting Zhou, a graduate student in science and education and vice



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Pastor Robert Gray, left, explains facts about Xinwu Chen, center, while Ting Zhou, vice president of the Chinese Student Scholar Association, looks on at Gray's house Sunday in Carbondale. Gray said he set up the dinner to help exchange students from Beijing integrate and understand American culture.

**"If we were to go to China, we would be overwhelmed with culture shock"**

— Andrew Podoll  
graduate student

president of CSSA, said he feels he knows more about the American culture after the event.

"I like the free spirits of the people in the United States," Zhou said.

For students coming from China, the initial culture shock can be a lot to handle, said Andrew Podoll, an elder with the

church and a graduate student in geology from Fargo, N.D.

"The education system here is different from China," Zhou said. "We have much to learn."

It's because of these cultural differences that it is so important the American students reach out to help the Chinese students feel at home, Podoll said.

Michael Kottwitz, a graduate student in medicine from Edwardsville, said he came to Gray's house to visit with the Chinese students because he wanted to learn more about their culture.

"It's a good chance to integrate in a friendly environment," Kottwitz said.

He said he's looking forward to the next meeting.

"We're going to cook for the Chinese students this time and they're going to cook for us next time," Kottwitz said.

The American students are looking forward to learning how

to cook Chinese food, Podoll said.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, he said.

Podoll said the Chinese students definitely feel culture shock, but the American students would feel the same way.

"If we were to go to China, we would be overwhelmed with culture shock," Podoll said.

The event was hopefully not the last dinner, Gray said.

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"I think it's fantastic," Dyer said. "I'm really happy to see that we're doing that."

Midden said she has thought about applying for funding through the Green Fee but wanted to wait until she heard about the grant.

The roof will not be entirely covered with plant material, Midden said, but the same benefits that come with green roofs would still apply.

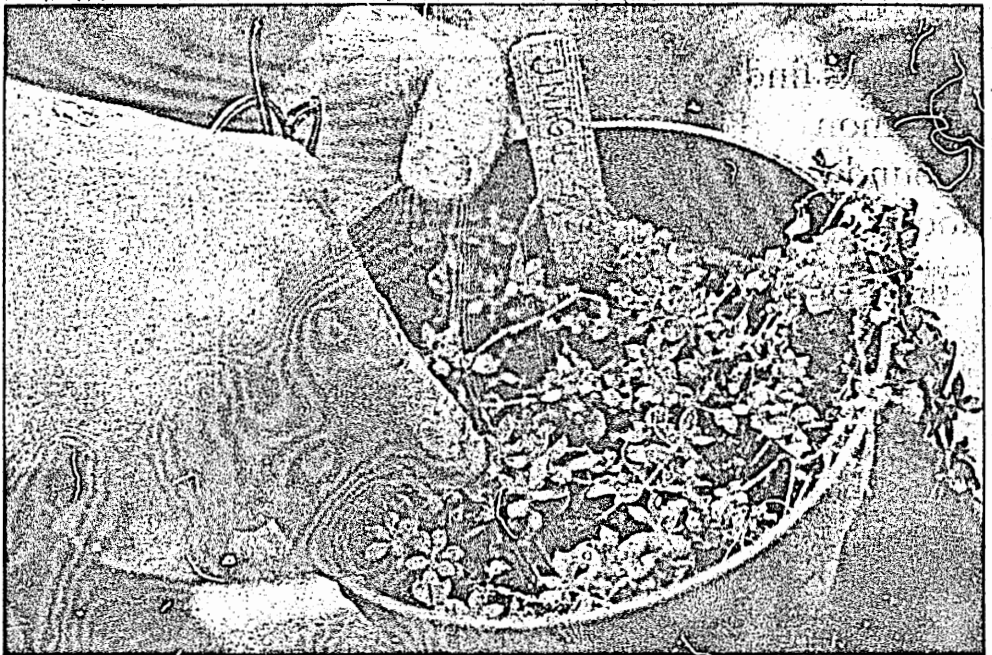
One of the most important benefits of having a green roof is its ability to increase the longevity of the roof itself, allowing money to be saved in the long run, said John Magill, a graduate student in ornamental horticulture from Aurora.

Midden said green roofs also help significantly in cities because it reduces rain runoff, but the green roof on campus would serve more as an education tool for agriculture students.

Students would use the roof as an outside laboratory to study which plants are more viable for growth and to also study the technology of a green roof, she said.

Magill said he became involved in the green roofs because he has studied sedums since high school. Sedums are small plants in which the roots grow very shallow and are resistant to drought, making them an ideal plant for a green roof, he said.

The plants serve as insulation for the roof and will ultimately decrease the heating and cooling costs, said Phil Gatton, director of Plant and Service Operations.



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John Magill, a graduate student in ornamental horticulture from Aurora, displays plants Monday that will be included in the rooftop greenhouse above the Agriculture Building. Most rooftop gardens feature plants such as sedums, which can survive the harsh winds and environment and help reduce temperatures in the building, Magill said.

"We're hoping it's going to be a win-win," Gatton said. "We won't have the water runoff we've had historically and the roof won't be exposed to UV rays or anything."

Gatton said the roof needed to be

renovated no matter what. The construction changes are barely different from a normal roof and it only costs a small amount more for additional rubber sheets to aid in holding the plants, he said.

With all the expected benefits of a green roof, Magill said he is hoping the phenomenon catches on in more areas so more green roofs can be made.

"In a perfect world, we should

have a green roof on every structure," he said.

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## LIQUOR

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City Councilman Joel Fritzier has also submitted to the board potential amendments to the city code, which include omitting the clauses that disallow grocery stores to have liquor licenses.

"I think (Fritzier's) recommendations are pretty comprehensive," said John Benshoff, vice chair of the Liquor Advisory Board. "I'm sure at that meeting we'll have the opportunity to discuss unique circumstances and determine if there's particular things we want to add on."

Benshoff said he has no problem with allowing grocery stores to sell liquor.

"If the consumers want the convenience of being able to buy a bottle of wine at the same place they buy their groceries, that's not inappropriate at all," he said.

Liquor Advisory Board member John Mills said the number of signatures is "pretty significant."

"You've obviously got a lot of people who want to see something happen one way or another," Mills said.

Benshoff said he's shopped at both Schnucks and the Co-op recently and from what he's seen, people sign the petition without even being asked by an employee.

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**6** In both instances when I've been shopping ... I've seen the petitions out on the counter and every line was filled out. I think people are taking this very seriously

— John Benshoff  
chair of the Liquor Advisory Board

I've seen the petitions out on the counter and every line was filled out. I think people are taking this very seriously," Benshoff said.

Eakins said he did not know the exact plan of action for Schnucks, but would be meeting with other store representatives soon.

"We just want to gather information to support our claim to the council," Eakins said.

Mills said the grocers may start to see more opposition as time goes on, but they're off to a good start.

"We've got to evaluate both sides, but those petitions will have an impact," Mills said.

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## COUNCIL

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The city has received favorable feedback on MidAmerican from current customers, Gill said.

Gill estimated that the city spends several hundred thousand dollars per year on electricity.

The council will also vote on whether to increase the fiscal year 2010 budget by more than \$2 million, an adjustment for money spent on cleanup after the May 8 storm.

"It is necessary to provide a budget adjustment for the expenditures ... as a result of the storm damages and clean up of debris, as there were no funds budgeted for this purpose," the city's Finance Department stated in its written

proposal for the adjustment.

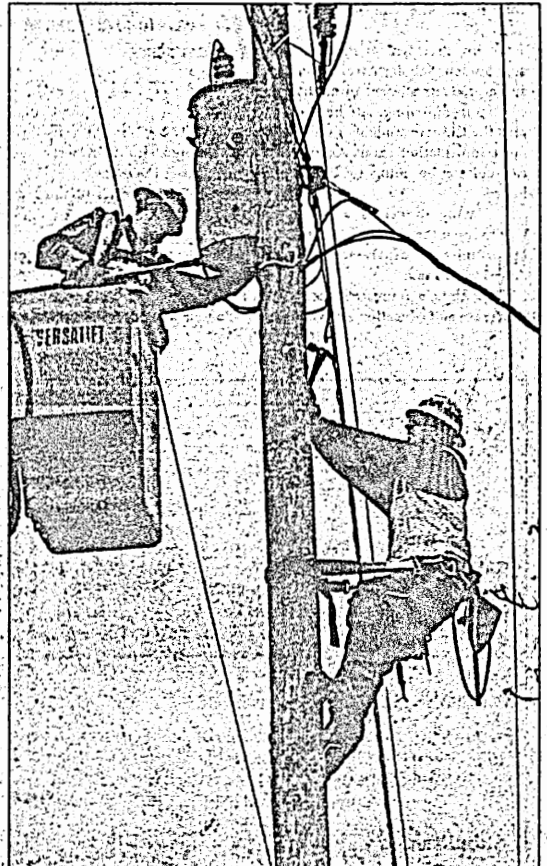
Insurance and money from federal agencies covered all but \$243,605 of the costs, which the city will pick up out of its "undesignated fund balances and unreserved retained earnings," according to the ordinance.

City Councilman Joel Fritzier said such a proposal is common.

"It's just standard stuff," Fritzier said. "We have budget changes throughout the year."

Former Carbondale Police Sgt. Gerald Edwards, who retired Feb. 12, will also be commended for his service to the city at the meeting before the vote on the budget adjustment.

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Derek Pfeaster, left, a journeyman lineman for AmerenCIPS, and Skyley Cargo, a first-year apprentice for AmerenCIPS, perform maintenance on power lines Monday on Monroe Street. The Carbondale City Council will vote Tuesday on whether to replace AmerenCIPS with MidAmerican Energy Company as Carbondale's electricity provider.

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Lab rats with cell phones? Wireless life makes us test subjects

CHRISTOPHER KETCHAM  
McClatchy Tribune

We love our digital gadgets — “magic” devices that define cool and promise to remake our lives for the better. But there is growing evidence of a dark side to the techno-magic. Your cell phone, and any other wireless device that depends on electromagnetic microwave radiation to function, may be hazardous to your health.

Most of the bad news comes from major labs and research institutions in Europe. What they’re reporting is that using cell phones and Wi-Fi transmitters — which operate using similar frequencies — can have biological effects on the brain and body.

The scientific debate remains heated and far from resolved, as the Health section in the Los Angeles Times reported last week. But the research to date suggests a number of chilling possibilities as to what EM radiation may be doing to us.

For example, in 2008, neuroscientists at Swinburne University of Technology in Australia strapped Nokia phones to subjects’ heads, then turned the phones on and off. On: the brain’s alpha waves spiked. Off: the brain set-

pled. The researchers speculated that the effort was the result of the brain “concentrating to overcome the electrical interference in brain circuits caused by the pulsed microwave radiation.” Swedish neuro-oncologist Leif Salford, chairman of the department of neurosurgery at Lund University, has found that cell phone radiation kills brain cells in rats, especially those cells associated with memory and learning. The damage occurred after an exposure of just two hours. In duplicating earlier research, Salford also found that cell phone microwaves produce holes in the barrier between the circulatory system and the brain in rats. One potential outcome, according to Salford, is dementia.

Meanwhile, Austrian researchers reported in 2004 that cell phone radiation can induce double-strand breaks in DNA, one of the undisputed causes of cancer.

So why isn’t this a bigger issue in the United States? Partly because there are countervailing studies and other scientists telling us not to be worried, that the risks are low or that we just don’t know enough to say that the risks are real.

Consider the biggest study being done on the question of whether cell phones cause cancers of the brain,

mouth\* and ear: the 13-country Interphone study conducted under the auspices of the International Agency for Research on Cancer in France. The study’s epidemiologists have looked at cancer patients and worked backward to establish cell phone habits.

The study, alas, has been fraught with controversy. The multinational researchers — U.S. scientists conspicuously not among them — have fallen into warring camps, and the full study has not been released.

However, pieces of the study have been made public. One Interphone study, for example, found that after a decade of cell phone use, the chance of getting a brain tumor goes up as much as 40 percent for adults. Another Interphone study reported a nearly 300 percent increased risk of acoustic neuroma, a tumor of the acoustic nerve. But still other Interphone researchers say their data show no increase in brain tumors — or any tumor — caused by cell phone use.

The cell phone industry lobby, CTIA — The Wireless Association, recently said in a statement that “peer-reviewed scientific evidence has overwhelmingly indicated that wireless devices do not pose a public health risk.” Meanwhile, watch-

dog groups keep it vague. “The available science does not allow us to conclude that mobile phones are absolutely safe, or that they are unsafe,” the Food and Drug Administration said.

So whom to believe, and what to do?

First, consider research done by Henry Lai, a biologist at the University of Washington. Only 25 percent of studies funded by the wireless industry show some type of biological effect from microwave radiation. Independently funded studies, however, are far more damning: 75 percent of those studies — free of industry influence — show a bioeffect. Some 30 percent of funding for the Interphone research was provided by industry, which critics say has resulted in a favorable skewing of some Interphone data.

Obviously, we need to demand more independent research into microwave radiation. In the meantime, we should also treat cell phones and other wireless gadgets with less adoration and more suspicion, and as individuals we may want to follow the lead of many nations and regulate the way we use them for ourselves.

For example, Belgium, France, Finland, Germany, Russia and Israel have publicly discouraged use of cell

phones by children. (Independent research in Sweden last year concluded there was an astonishing 420 percent increased chance of getting brain cancer for cell phone users who were teenagers or younger when they first started using their phones.) France has gone so far as to issue a generalized national cell phone health warning, banned cell phones in elementary schools and considered outlawing marketing the phones to children.

The personal equivalent? For starters, don’t get rid of your landline. Buy a hands-free device, keep your cell phone away from your head, face and neck. Don’t carry it in your pocket for hours on end (there’s some evidence cell phones aren’t good for your sperm count).

Salford, the neuro-oncologist, has called the unregulated use of cell phones by 4.5 billion people worldwide “the largest human biological experiment ever.” It’s only common sense to do what you can to take yourself out of the guinea pig pool.

Christopher Ketcham is the author of “Warning: Your Cell Phone May Be Hazardous to Your Health” in February’s GQ.

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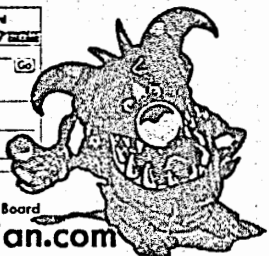
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Smith returns  
with a movie dudTRAVIS BEAN  
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## "Cop Out"

Rated: R

Starring: Bruce Willis, Tracy  
Morgan; Seann William Scott  
Directed by: Kevin Smith  
Runtime: 107 min.  
Rating: 2 out of 5

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The buddy cop movie formula has been recycled so often that it would take a special film to revive it. "Cop Out" is not that film.

Bruce Willis and Tracy Morgan star as a police duo out to solve the case as Jimmy Monroe and Paul Hodges. Jimmy needs money to pay for his daughter's dream wedding and decides to sell a rare baseball card. After his card is stolen and sold to a drug lord named Poh Boy (Guillermo Diaz), Jimmy and Paul go on a wild goose chase to retrieve the card and take him down.

After making comedy classics with "Clerks," "Chasing Amy" and "Dogma," one must wonder why Kevin Smith bothered directing a movie as lame as "Cop Out."

Perhaps Smith wanted some mainstream recognition. "Cop Out" stars some big Hollywood names with Bruce Willis and Tracy Morgan, actors who are better known than Smith's usual troupe of B-list actors.

Willis, who is usually great as the straight cop, fails as Jimmy. He is both boring and unfunny. Jimmy's one-liners are put to shame by Wil-

lis' character John McClane in "Die Hard." Morgan, who is hilarious on the television show "30 Rock," is given nothing to work with in "Cop Out." His lines are over-the-top and his character is an exaggerated clown with nothing funny to say.

The secondary characters are harder to endure. Seann William Scott's character, Dave, may be the most annoying character ever and is a pain to watch. The villain, Poh Boy, is cartoon-like and unthreatening. Paul's wife, Debbie (Rashida Jones), is underdeveloped and inserted into the story haphazardly. The viewer never comes to know the characters and they become a distraction.

Maybe Smith was sick of writing movies. Besides "Cop Out," Smith has written the script for every movie he has directed. Smith's talents reside in writing and not directing, so removing the former is a cause for concern. Smith never uses interesting camera shots or angles and does little to engage the audience.

The story randomly shifts direction with no transitions, and scenes feel dragged out. The dia-

logue is also inept. Not only are Jimmy and Paul's lines not funny, the two have nothing intelligent to say. Scenes have awkward pauses where the audience is expected to laugh, but the scenes are lucky to receive a couple of chuckles.

The most likely reason Smith chose to direct this stinker is the paycheck. "Cop Out" will likely produce more revenue than Smith's usual films and he deserves to earn a little more dough.

With that said, does Smith even like the movie he directed? If he does not, why should anyone care? "Cop Out" does not try, has an unoriginal story and is not funny. It is the worst kind of movie because it has little to praise and does nothing fresh. It is just a boring, run-of-the-mill comedy that will play on cable television 20 times a week.

With the Academy Awards honoring the year's best movies this weekend, "Cop Out" is a reminder of how bad movies can be.

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536-3311 ext. 274.Nine Dems who voted no on  
health bill may reconsiderCHARLES BABINGTON  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nine House Democrats indicated in an Associated Press survey Monday they have not ruled out switching their "no" votes to "yes" on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, brightening the party's hopes in the face of unyielding Republican opposition.

The White House tried to smooth the way for them, showing its own openness to changes in the landmark legislation and making a point of saying the administration is not using parliamentary tricks or loopholes to find the needed support.

Democratic leaders have strongly signaled they will use a process known as "budget reconciliation" to try to push part of the package through the Senate without allowing Republicans to talk it to death with filibusters. The road could be even more difficult in the House, where Speaker Nancy Pelosi is struggling to secure enough Democratic votes for approval, thus the effort to attract former foes.

The White House said Obama

will outline his final "way forward" in a Washington speech, Wednesday, and he is expected to embrace a handful of Republican ideas for making health care more efficient.

Few in Washington think those gestures will be enough to persuade a single House or Senate Republican to embrace the legislation. But they could give wavering Democrats political cover by showing the party has been willing to compromise, ammunition against campaign accusations this fall that they rammed the bill through Congress with no regard for other views.

The proposal would impose new restrictions on insurance companies and order health insurance coverage for as many as 30 million Americans who now lack it, among many other changes.

Persuading lawmakers to change their votes is a tough sell. Election officials are loath to vote two ways on a controversial issue, feeling such a switch draws more resentment than support overall. Democratic leaders stress that the legislative package soon to reach the House will be less expensive than the one that passed in November and will contain no

government-run insurance program to compete with private insurers.

They hope those changes will give additional cover to party moderates thinking of switching from no to yes.

In interviews with the AP, at least nine of the 39 Democrats — or their spokesmen — either declined to state their positions or said they were undecided about the revised legislation, making them likely targets for intense wooing by Pelosi and Obama. Three of them — Brian Baird of Washington, Bart Gordon of Tennessee and John Tanner of Tennessee — are not seeking reelection this fall.

The others are Rick Boucher of Virginia, Suzanne Kosmas of Florida, Frank Kratovil of Maryland, Michael McFahon of New York, Scott Murphy of New York and Glenn Nye of Virginia. Several lawmakers' offices did not reply to the AP queries.

Rep. Walt Minnick of Idaho will not change his vote from no, his spokesman, Dean Ferguson, said Monday night. Minnick had declined to state a position when contacted earlier by the AP.

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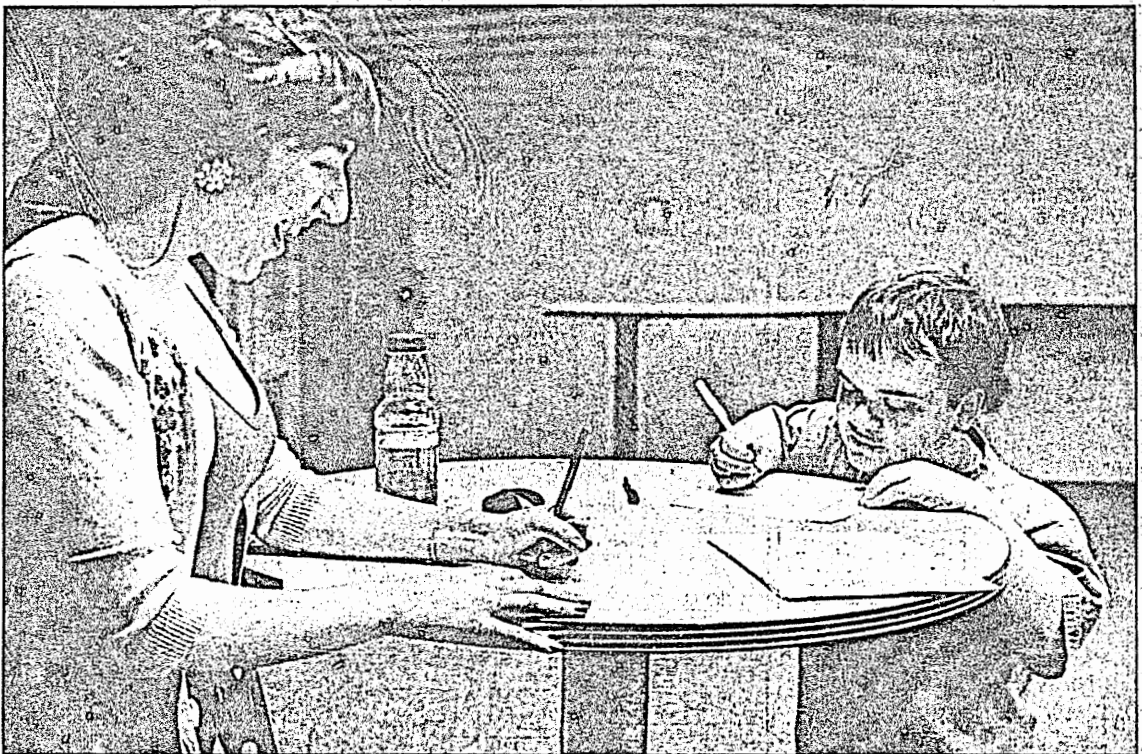
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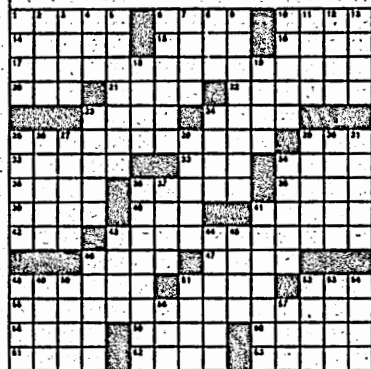
# STUDY BREAK

**JUMBLE**  
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By Mike Argillon and Jeff Knurek

**HAGLO**  
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## Crossword



**Across**  
1 Pain-dramic title  
6 Ashen  
10 Interrupter of a bad act, on an old game show  
14 Word after horse or soap  
15 Dive... Presley  
16 Mayberry lld  
17 Government declaration of its intentions  
20 Prefix with gram  
21 Modest shewers  
22 Madison Square Garden et al  
23 Variety of ity  
24 1998 animated bug movie  
25 Vietnam War defoliant  
29 Speed Wagon maker  
32 Velma's rival in 'Chicago'  
33 Chat room chuckle  
34 Detained at the precinct  
35 Electrical network  
36 Pigs and hogs

38 Etcher's need  
39 Lure et  
40 Scooper's partner  
41 Emulate Cicero  
42 Betty Ford... Bloomer  
43 Gold Rush villain  
46 Jockey's tool  
47 Hearing requirements  
48 Displaying buoyancy  
51 Periodic table no.  
52 Protrude with 'but'  
55 High-octane fuel  
58 Having all one's marbles  
59 Rotary phone feature  
60 1968 Jimi farce fish  
61 School on the Thames  
62 Bobbles the ball  
63 Talboos

**Down**  
1 Sulk  
2 Each  
3 Supermarket section  
4 'Entourage' agent Gold  
5 Bushwhacker's tool  
6 Congregation leader  
7 Humanities  
8 Mauna  
9 Involve, as in a sticky situation  
10 Horatio's mate  
11 Bid one club, say  
12 'Project Runway' Judge Garcia  
13 Understands  
18 80s-'90s Serbian auto Import  
19 One-named Deco designer  
23 Insulating  
24 Soon, to the band  
25 Fluorescent bulb gas  
26 Stuff (oneself) with food  
27 'The Man Without a Country' hero for one  
28 Suspect's excuse  
29 Sports show summary  
30 Upper echelon

Monday's answers

|         |         |       |
|---------|---------|-------|
| ORAL    | CROCB   | PRE   |
| VETO    | DEGOT   | DEED  |
| AVON    | BELMA   | ERNE  |
| LUNGS   | KEEN    | AEON  |
| SEESAW  | DOZED   |       |
| TOIF    | NAMIBIA |       |
| TITO    | SLED    | SHARL |
| USBR    | PYROS   | TRAP  |
| SLAYS   | BAWL    | HERS  |
| HERSHEY | NOSE    |       |
| HENNA   | THWACK  |       |
| FIDC    | GILD    | HAGUE |
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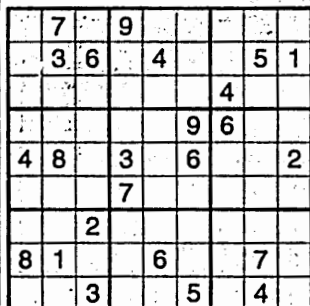
31 More strange  
34 Injures  
36 Isolation  
37 Sandwich in a tortilla  
41 Thornton Wilder classic  
43 Spiced Indian beverage  
44 Gold and silver  
45 Shark flick  
46 Part of NOW  
48 Church recess  
49 Toga party setting  
50 Jay seen at night  
51 Culture medium  
52 Arabian folklore spirit  
53 Reverse  
54 43-Down et al  
56 Space station for about 15 years  
57 Ventiane native

## SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid to each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).



Monday's answers

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
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## Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

**Today's birth day** — Over the next year you find your dreams take on far greater significance. Track them in a journal to identify key symbols that recur to deepen your understanding. You notice that some dreams have epic significance while others boil down to one simple message.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Boost your imagination by surfing the Internet or reading fiction. Images drive creative effort. A partner provides reasonable feedback. If you want it.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 6 — What you hear isn't necessarily the first word on what's required. Ask leading questions if you have to. That way you discover the feelings behind the demands.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is an 8 — Now that you've fully articulated your message, you can pace ahead to convince others that your creative logic will work. Don't forget to inject lots of enthusiasm.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 6 — If you travel, remember to take your passport. Ham any at home could be jeopardized. Make sure you've left enough money to cover expenses.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Money remains an issue, but you find a way to adjust spending or spread out the payments. Creative efforts produce an alternate income stream.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Continue to address issues presented by others. Unless you truly care, allow them to have their way. Meet your own needs later in the day.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Everyone on the same page now and you reach agreement on the magical quality of the work. Logic still provides the foundation.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 5 — Find concrete words to describe elusive feelings and ideas. You know what you mean. Make sure others get the point. Dream large.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — What seemed impossible yesterday becomes almost ordinary now. There could be a flound (seriously), but the solution is self-evident.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 6 — Do exactly what you want in a social situation. Others have a separate agenda that you don't need to follow. Manage your own responsibilities.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 6 — Someone could talk you out of your cash unless you're careful. Listen to emotional persuasions, then season them with practical logic.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 6 — Get your message out to the public loud and clear. Be sure to stress why it's urgent. Get under their skin. Also encourage feedback.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ORPYX

PIERG

NATTYR

HOARIM

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
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ALTHOUGH THE CONCEITED SALESMAN NEVER TRAVELED, HE WAS ALWAYS ON ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: AN



(Answers tomorrow)

Monday's answers

Jumbles: FUDGE LINER ANYONE LACING  
Answer: What it takes to research a family's roots — A 'CLAN' DIGGER



# Saluki Insider

With Kansas, Kentucky and Purdue losing over the weekend, are they still the teams to watch looking toward March Madness, or should other teams be considered top contenders?



STILE T. SMITH  
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Syracuse has been my pick to win the National Championship since the beginning of the season and I'm sticking with them. Junior forward Wesley Johnson is a complete stud, averaging 15.7 points and 8.7 rebounds per game. And as much as I hate zone defense, Boeheim knows how to teach it.

The Syracuse Orange have shown all season long that they are one of the teams to beat. They have a strong starting lineup as well as some good help off the bench. They have been averaging a little more than 60 points per game. I expect them to make an impressive run in the final week of college hoops and March Madness.

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Kansas State is probably the toughest contender still flying under the radar, but I'm not ready to jump off the Calipari bandwagon just yet. I'm sticking with the combo of Wall and Cousins to be the last team dancing.

## Women extend road losing streak to 25 games

RAY MCGILLIS  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team dropped its seventh and eighth consecutive games, extending a road losing streak dating back to December 2008.

The Salukis (4-23, 3-14 Missouri Valley Conference) wrapped up their regular-season series with Missouri State Friday and Wichita State Sunday. Including those two losses, the Salukis have dropped their last 25 games away from Carbondale.

SIU fell 83-72 to the Lady Bears (18-8, 10-5 MVC) despite freshman guard Terri Oliver dropping a game-high 25 points, as well as 15 points from senior guards Christine Presswood and Stephany Neptune. Neptune also added 14 rebounds and nine assists to record her 11th double-double of the season.

Among the 28 Division I players averaging a double-double, Neptune, standing at 5 feet 8 inches, is the shortest in the nation to do so.

The Salukis traveled to Wichita, Kan., Sunday, and let the win to slip from their grasp in the final seconds.

Wichita State (16-11, 8-8 MVC)

trailed SIU for 39 minutes of the game until junior guard Sheena Johnson got the bucket and the foul to the Shockers ahead 59-56 with 24 seconds remaining.

The Salukis were outscored 15-4 in the final 10 minutes, while going 1-13 from the field to close out the game with a 59-57 loss.

Head coach Missy Tiber said her team left everything it had on the court, but fatigue took its toll late in the second half.

"We don't have a lot of depth on our team and we require so much out of these kids right now," Tiber said. "They really give it everything they have for 40 minutes, but sometimes it just comes down to who's more rested at the end of the game."

Neptune went to the free-throw line with one second remaining and the team down by three. Neptune intentionally missed the second free throw and recovered the loose ball but missed a buzzer-beating putback.

Neither school took particularly good care of the ball and turned it over 45 times throughout the course of the game.

"We played really hard" and showed a lot of heart in that game," Neptune said. "We were able to hit

certain shots early, but couldn't knock them down in the clutch situations. I had some crucial turnovers and that's hard to deal with — it's just a tough loss."

The Salukis shot 40 percent from the field in the opening half, but finished with a 10-28 clip.

Presswood, who attempted 16 of the team's 23 shots from beyond the arc, said the team doesn't read a great deal into its losing streak on the road.

"It shouldn't make that much of a difference whether we play on the road or at home," Presswood said.

The team will wrap up its regular season schedule at 7 p.m. Thursday against Evansville. The Salukis beat the Purple Aces in Carbondale Jan. 2 with a 79-68 win.

"When you only win four games and lose a lot, it's easy to lose perspective on the season and lose morale among the team, but we haven't," Tiber said. "That's why I'm really proud of our team. Our intentions are still to go into Evansville and get a win."

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## BASEBALL

CONTINUED FROM 12

Junior infielder Blake Pinnon, who has five RBIs through as many games, said a couple wins against the Blue Raiders would give the team confidence heading into the thick of its schedule.

"We just need to go out there and keep battling every day," Pinnon said. "(Middle Tennessee State) will

be coming here looking for a couple wins too — each individual just has to do their own part to help the team as a whole."

The teams will take to the diamond at 2 p.m. today under partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the high 30s to low 40s.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Dawgs enter MVC Tourney struggling

STILE T. SMITH  
Daily Egyptian

Entering the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament as the No. 9 seed, the SIU men's basketball team has lost seven of its last 10 games and three of its last four.

Making matters worse, the Salukis are matched up against No. 8 seed Drake, who defeated the Salukis twice this season by margins of five and seven points.

It remains to be seen how healthy Saluki leading scorer Kevin Dillard will be when SIU makes the trip to St. Louis Thursday. The sophomore guard tried to go Saturday against Wichita State, but was only able to play four minutes on his sprained ankle.

"He was good in warm-ups, but he just couldn't go back in after he tweaked his ankle," head coach Chris Lowery said. "There was no need to make it worse."

There's also the fact that the Salukis will have to take on No. 1 seed Northern Iowa if they are able to get past Drake.

Despite their 15-14 record overall and 6-12 mark in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Salukis have actually outscored their opponents 70.4 to 67.7 this season. SIU is tied for second in the MVC in scoring offense, trailing only Missouri State, who averages 71.9 points per game.

However, the SIU offense struggled in its last game of the season, scoring just 55 points in a 76-55, 21-point loss to No. 2 seed Wichita State. The

Shockers finished 17-0 at home, their first undefeated home season since 1982-83.

"I don't care who you're playing, that's a lot of games," Wichita State head coach Gregg Marshall said. "We've had some close ones, but today there was no doubt. We did a better job, figuratively speaking, of stepping on their neck."

"Stepping on their neck" is one area the Salukis have struggled in this season. Despite leading a number of games late, the Salukis finished the regular season 3-8 in conference games decided by five points or less. Of the Salukis' 14 losses, 10 were by seven points or less.

On the other side of the spectrum, Wichita State enters the MVC Tournament as the No. 2 seed after its drubbing of the Salukis.

"Playing this good, we've got to find a way to hold onto it," said Wichita State junior forward J.T. Durley, who led the Shockers with 21 points against the Salukis. "We want to bottle this up and take it to St. Louis."

The Salukis are playing in the Thursday play-in game of the MVC Tournament for the first time since 1998, the last season with Rich Herrin roaming the sideline. If SIU is unable to defeat Drake, it will be the first time the team has lost on the opening day of the tournament since falling 86-71 to Indiana State in 1997.

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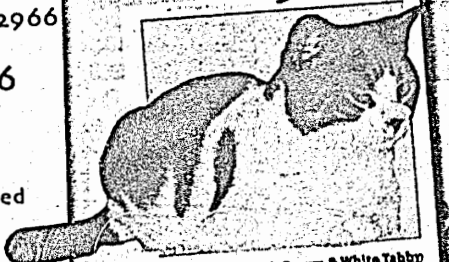
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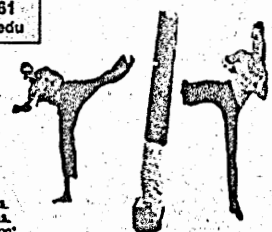
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